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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EGEN, CIEC, EAID, FR  
SUBJ: RUSSIAN DIPLOMAT COMMENTS ON FUTURE OF NORTH-  
SOUTH DIALOGUE AND POSSIBLE SOVIET ROLE

REFS: A. NATO 05202; B. PARIS 16351

1. SUMMARY: DURING RECENT MEETING WITH EMBOFF, A SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY NOTED THAT PREPARATIONS FOR BREZHNEV VISIT TO FRANCE WERE IN HIGH GEAR. HE REMARKED ON LIKELIHOOD GOF'S CONTINUING SEEK ENGAGE USSR IN NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, AND ADDED "TIME PROBABLY COMING WHEN WE WILL HAVE TO PARTICIPATE MORE DIRECTLY IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS." END SUMMARY.

2. A SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY RECENTLY ASKED FOR OUR VIEWS ON CIEC'S CONCLUSION. WE TOLD HIM WE THOUGHT MORE HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED THAN SOME PRESS REPORTS INDICATED. HE INQUIRED WHICH SPECIFIC CIEC ISSUES WE THOUGHT WERE MOST LIKELY TO REMAIN ACTIVE SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION, AND WE SINGLED OUT: (1) COMMON FUND, (2) SPECIAL ACTION PROGRAM, AND (3) ODA LEVELS FROM FINAL COMMUNIQUE'S "AGREED-TO" LIST; AND (1) ONGOING ENERGY DIALOGUE AND (2) LDC DEBT FROM "NOT-AGREED-TO" LIST AS PARTICULAR ITEMS TO BE WATCHED.

3. SOVIET DIPLOMAT WENT ON TO EXPLAIN HIS INTERESTS IN CIEC'S AFTERMATH IN TERMS OF GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV'S SCHEDULED JUNE 21 ARRIVAL IN PARIS, WHICH WOULD PRESENT FRENCH SIDE WITH RENEWED OPPORTUNITY TO SOLICIT ACTIVE RUSSIAN PARTICIPATION IN NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. HE SAID SOVIET EMBASSY PARIS HAD BEEN TASKED WITH PREPARATION OF BRIEFING PAPER SUMMARIZING CIEC RESULTS AND COMMENTING ON LIKELIHOOD THAT COURSE OF NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE MIGHT IN FUTURE PRODUCE ANOTHER CIEC-TYPE FORUM. HE REFERRED TO CIEC FINAL COMMUNIQUE'S CONFIDENTIAL

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INVITATION TO HIS COUNTRY AND OTHERS TO JOIN IN COOPERATIVE EFFORT IN CARRYING OUT MEASURES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (REF B, PARA 12).

4. WE EXPLAINED THAT CIEC NOW OFFICIALLY OVER AND ASKED IN WHAT CONTEXT SOVIETS THOUGHT FRENCH--OR OTHERS--MIGHT NOW RECRUIT RUSSIAN PARTICIPATION IN NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. HE REPLIED THAT SEVERAL OF HIS GOF CONTACTS HAVE TOLD HIM THEY BELIEVE THAT AFTER

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PERIOD OF FRUITLESS POLITICAL DEBATE IN BROAD UN  
CONTEXT, OLD CIEC ISSUES LIKELY AGAIN TO BE REMANDED TO  
MORE RESTRICTIVE TECHNICAL/ECONOMIC BODY TO SEE IF  
BEGINNINGS MADE IN PARIS COULD BE IMPROVED UPON. IF  
SO, HE SAID, SOVIETS WANT TO BE PREPARED. "THIRD-WORLD  
PROBLEM IS NOT GOING TO GO AWAY, AND TIME IS PROBABLY  
COMING WHEN WE WILL HAVE TO PARTICIPATE MORE DIRECTLY

IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS." NEVERTHELESS, HE CONTINUED, INITIAL SOVIET IRRITATION AT NOT RPT NOT BEING INCLUDED IN CIEC GAVE WAY TO RELIEF WHEN CONFERENCE'S MANY DIFFICULTIES BECAME MANIFEST. FUTURE RUSSIAN PARTICIPATION IN ANY SIMILAR EFFORT, HE CONCLUDED, WOULD BE PREDICATED UPON CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT USSR NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR STATUS OF PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH IT DID NOT PARTICIPATE AND ALSO UPON OTHER COUNTRIES ATTENDING AND AUSPICES UNDER WHICH DIALOGUE WOULD BE RESUMED.

5. COMMENT: ABOVE CONVERSATION LEFT US WITH FEELING SOVIETS NOT UNHAPPY WITH WAY CIEC TURNED OUT. HAVING NO PRIOR COMMITMENTS BY VIRTUE OF THEIR NON-PARTICIPATION, THEY CAN CRITICIZE CIEC ALL THEY WANT WHILE EXAMINING WHAT ADVANTAGES MIGHT BE FOUND IN THEIR POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE CIEC-TYPE ACTIVITIES.  
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